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Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady, but at least steady in the East, depending on size. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where features were present. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food channels. Supplies of smaller sizes were in good balance to well cleared, and heavier weights were more than sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and continued to move strong. Breast items and wings were at least adequate with tenders often discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 16-MAY-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	70.14	58
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.76	40 :	70.39	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	69.03	30
Denver	79.50	79.36	14 :	79.60	17
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.83	12 :	71.95	54
Los Angeles	80.00	79.63	62 :	73.15	171
New York	71.00-73.00	71.38	26 :	70.51	55
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.36	11 :	69.59	23
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.91	11 :	72.60	60
St. Louis	68.00-68.25	67.66	20 :	68.19	37
San Francisco	80.50	80.63	34 :	80.19	72

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/16/05 Change/Last Wk	05/09/05	05/17/04
650	72.14	-.51	72.65 80.50

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	72.00-73.50	72.42	31
Central	65.00-76.50	72.20	78
Western	67.00-80.00	75.92	40

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.57	94
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,138	70.00-76.15	73.42

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50	1,426
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	6,024
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,493
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	1,129
LEG QUARTERS	38.50	7,749
WINGS	84.50	3,096

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good entering the week. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balance to well cleared; heavier sizes were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady on the lighter weights; no better than steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in close balance to tight. Breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were readily available and wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to closer balanced for smaller sizes. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat remained in the strongest balance, aided by export business, with supplies barely adequate to tight. Breast items were mixed, but at least adequate, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's levels. Trading reported for this week deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall with lightweight product in the closest position. Buying activity had increased to cover planned features. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was firm on dark meat items; barely steady on wings and about steady on breast. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 71.89 up 2.63 with the volume reported at 27 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate for light trade call. Food service and retail demand was fair to fairly good; best into fast food. Floor stocks adequate; weights mostly desirable. Offerings of dark meat cuts were light, white meat lines were available and discounted. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, barely steady to weak on tenders, whole breasts and cautiously steady on balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good with best movement noted where features were in progress. Offerings were balanced to adequate with smaller sizes in the closer balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were not as available but still sufficient. Dark meat items were adequate to well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.94
NO. OF BOXES	7,071

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate; bone-in breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Tenders remained available with discounting noted. Wings were at least adequate. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were in good balance to closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on dark meat cuts. Breast items and wings were about steady to steady. Tenders were weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	141.67	614,340
TENDERLOINS	140	144.07	115,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.06	105,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	82.49	88,800
LEGS	52-53	54.61	140,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	39.80	255,440
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	46.82	131,440
THIGHS	45-46	53.37	55,920
B/S THIGHS	104-105	100.48	80,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	86.53	114,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.67	12,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.70	15,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.02	23,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,029	118.00-199.00	120-134	129.27
TENDERLOINS	326	131.00-210.00	-	145.67
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,344	35.00-38.00	35-36	35.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,490	36.00-39.00	37-39	37.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	560	67.00-86.00	79-81	79.43
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,483	40.00-43.00	42-43	42.49

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 05/12	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 05/09
	05/16	05/12	05/12	05/09	05/05
Alabama	4,118	3,992	5.11	4,009	5.21
Arkansas	5,187	5,430	5.00	5,337	5.07
Delmarva	2,263	2,221	5.48	2,268	5.57
KY-LA-TN	2,296	2,089	4.97	2,222	4.88
Mississippi	3,237	3,073	5.61	2,755	5.61
North Carolina	2,526	2,485	6.49	2,528	6.52
Texas	2,464	2,561	5.20	2,833	5.23
Total	22,091	21,851	5.34	21,952	5.39
Mon	22,091(A)			21,952(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-May 2005 is estimated to be 33,051,000 up 0.33 percent from a week ago, and up 3.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,941,000 last year 31,924,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	660	122.00-186.50	125-130	127.10
TENDERLOINS	213	137.00-185.00	140-145	142.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	80.00-89.00	82-85	84.76
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	36.00-40.00	37-38	37.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	995	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	80-82	80.70
WINGS (CUT)	353	88.00-100.00	95-97	97.07
DRUMSTICKS	68	48.00-56.00	-	52.94
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 16, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 60.00	55.94	55.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 16-MAY-2005 TO 20-MAY-2005 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	123.00 - 143.50	131.00 - 141.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 101.50	84.00 - 89.00
LEGS	40.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 46.00	37.00 - 40.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	37.00 - 48.00	40.00 - 42.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 56.00	-
THIGHS	43.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	72.00 - 93.00	83.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.75-98.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.25-102.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108
ICE PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 13, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	23.00	23.00-27.00	328,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	23.00	25.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	23.50-30.00	24.00-27.00	1,724,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	26.36	25.26		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 13, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	24.00-26.50	19.00-26.00	2,091,600	324,800
WTD AVERAGE	25.33	21.23		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.5	11.75-13.5	12.89
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-15.75	12-13.25	12.56

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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